

10 VSA §7152(a) Sale of Mercury-Containing Lamps
Determination Notice – April 20, 2023

Under Vermont state law, a manufacturer of a mercury-containing lamp shall not sell, offer for sale, or deliver to a retailer for subsequent sale, a mercury-containing lamp unless all criterion under 10 VSA §7152(a) are met. Specifically, §7152(a)(6) requires “The manufacturer has demonstrated that no alternative non-mercury energy efficient lamp is available that provides the same or better overall performance at a cost equal to or better than the classes of lamps that the manufacturer proposes to sell.”

The Agency has determined that general purpose GU-24 twist-lock based mercury containing compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) shall not be sold, offered for sale, or delivered to a retailer for subsequent sale in the state of Vermont. This restriction on sales will be effective January 1, 2024, to allow Vermont retailers and distributors sufficient time to sell any existing inventories.

The Agency consulted with manufacturers, through their trade association, who voluntarily agreed to phase out all remaining sales of the GU-24 twist-lock based, mercury-containing lamps within six months after April 15, 2023. Manufacturers did not demonstrate that no alternatives exist and there is evidence that alternative GU-24 twist-lock based LED lamps/bulbs exist that provide the same or better overall performance at a cost equal to or better than that of mercury-containing GU-24 twist-lock based lamps.